

Cloudy tonight, Sunday  
fresh westerly winds.

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## CITIZENS OF ALASKA OBJECT TO PROPOSED TRUST LEGISLATION

Say Publicity Should Be  
Tried on Eastern States.

### TO FIGHT AN AMENDMENT

Claim Legislation Proposed in Congress  
Would Work Great Injury to Un-  
developed Territory.

The Alaskans now in the city have waged war on one of the bills now pending in the House, which provides for testing President Roosevelt's public ideas for the restriction of private corporations and trusts. Alaskans hold that the bill introduced is absolutely unfair in that the test on the large corporations is intended to be made in an entirely new country, where corporations large and small are now invited for the purpose of developing that vast new field.

A delegation consisting of more than a dozen Alaskans have arrived in the city and will remain here until Congress adjourns that they may look after and advise with the committees of Congress having the legislation of that district in hand. The amendment referred to was discovered by them yesterday in going over the different bills affecting the interests of Alaska, and when it was found there was indignation in their camp.

Unanimously they pledged themselves to inaugurate a campaign against the passage of the section, and started out to locate the members of the committees of both Senate and the House now in the city. They claim the passage of the bill will drive out a large amount of capital now interested in Alaska, and will prevent future operations of finance very greatly. One member, who declined to have his name used for the present, said to a Times reporter:

#### Harm in Legislation.

"Eastern people cannot imagine the harm the passage of that little piece of legislation would do to the district. I will take oath I do not own a dollar's worth of stock in any company in Alaska, but am personally interested in capital coming to the district. If the companies now there are compelled to publish the details of their business, which this amendment specifies, they will quit business."

"Capital cannot be induced to enter undeveloped territory unless strong inducements are held out to them. If these statements are to be published, stock brokers would refuse to handle the stock of every company doing business in Alaska. What liabilities a company has, and what salaries the officers get, I hold is of no interest or business to any person but a stockholder. They can get the desired information from the books of the company."

"If those who are pushing the passage of the amendment want to test the advantages of such legislation, let them do it in New York, or some of the other Eastern States, where financial interests are settled, and where the whole people can see the true effect. The publicity" feature which the President advocates is a good thing, but we don't want Alaska to be the virgin field. I want trusts curbed, but I am opposed to going away out to our district to inaugurate the campaign. We need private corporations from which to borrow money, and to develop the district."

#### Seek Other Fields.

"If they have to go before the public annually, they will abandon the district, and see other fields of conquest. In addition to that, the cost of such publication would cause newspapers to spring up like mushrooms. Newspapers are a good thing, and I am a constant reader, but the cost of publishing these statements in Alaska would be excessive."

"The cost of legal printing in our country is away above that in the States. When we have developed our country, we will welcome proper legislation, but at this time we are opposed to the passage of the amendment mentioned."

### WEATHER CONDITIONS.

In the last twenty-four hours heavy rains have fallen in the Ohio valley, the Middle and South Atlantic States, and the lower lake region. Rain continues this morning from western Lake Erie eastward to New England.

It is somewhat warmer this morning in the eastern portion of the Middle Atlantic States.

Snow or rain will continue in the lower lake region and northern New York tonight and Sunday; elsewhere fair weather will prevail.

It will be somewhat colder tonight along the south Atlantic coast and in northern Florida.

The winds will continue on the middle Atlantic coast fresh to brisk northwesterly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh to brisk northwest to west winds and cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

#### TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. .... 35  
12, noon ..... 39  
1 p. m. .... 41

#### THE SUN.

Sun sets today ..... 4:50 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 7:19 a. m.

#### TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today ..... 5:16 p. m.  
High tide today ..... 11:07 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow ..... 5:46 a. m.  
High tide tomorrow ..... 11:32 a. m.

## SURPRISE IN STORE FOR COAL DEALERS

Residents Purpose Bringing Suit to Restrict Local  
Merchants From Discriminating in Favor  
of Their Regular Customers.

A surprise will shortly be sprung upon local coal dealers if the present plans of several residents of the city who have been unable to obtain coal, materialize.

Their purpose is to bring suit before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to restrain dealers from discriminating against them because they have not been regular customers. The matter is now in the hands of several of the most prominent practitioners before the local bar, who are making a searching examination of the laws bearing upon the question.

#### Customers First.

Most of the larger dealers of the city have strained every resource in their power to provide fuel for those persons whose names appear upon the books as regular customers. Many of them, however, have abandoned all effort to supply the public at large and it is an every-day occurrence for those who are trying to buy coal to be informed that the dealer has that article only for his regular customers. In fact, the dealers in doing so are not only acting under a general agreement among the officials of the Reading Coal and Iron Company and other companies, who are trying to maintain low prices.

While acknowledging that the effort to take care of their regular customers is in a way commendable, those who have been unable to obtain coal assert that the dealers have no right to discriminate in its distribution. Although the position of the coal dealer is hardly analogous to that of common carrier, it is believed that certain laws governing the common carrier may be made to apply to the coal dealer. The latter can be more effectively reached, however, it is thought, through laws similar to those which prevent the restaurateur from discriminating against any respectable person who may enter his establishment and asked to be served.

#### Sweeping Litigation.

But there are other and more applicable statutes which the attorneys who are giving the matter their attention are depending upon in the contemplated action. They, however, do not consider it opportune to make public the result of their search at the present time. When the matter is finally brought to the attention of the courts it is intimated that practically all of the large dealers in the city will be cited to appear as defendants.

W. S. Bronson, the assistant general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, who is also a member of the coal committee, has wired President Stevens to arrange an appointment with Barry Bulky. Mr. Bronson is one of the most earnest workers on the committee, and believes that his road will be able to afford material assistance in rushing coal through from the lines by the train load. If shipments are thus made, it would require less than thirty-six hours to land it here from the mines.

## TAFT AND EVANS CLASH OVER JURISDICTION

Civil Governor Revokes the  
Admiral's Order.

### MAY APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Endeavor to Have Naval Officers, for  
Special Philippine Duty,  
Assigned Direct.

According to mail advices just received from the Philippines, Governor Taft, of the civil authorities, and Rear Admiral "Bob" Evans, in command of the American fleet in Asiatic waters, have clashed over the question as to whether the civil authorities shall have jurisdiction over naval officers assigned to special duty in the archipelago.

The difficulty first arose over the telegraphic assignment by Admiral Evans of Commander Marix, captain of the port at Manila, and the admiral of the coastwise fleet, to Amay, for service on a court-martial. Governor Taft revoked the order. Later Lieutenant Key, Commander Marix's assistant, received an assignment with the Chinese squadron, and shortly thereafter Commander Glennon, superintendent of the nautical school, was given regular duty.

Governor Taft has advised Admiral Evans that the officers in question should not be disturbed. If his request cannot be granted, he has expressed his determination of appealing to Washington authorities and endeavoring to have such naval officers as are necessary for special duty in the Philippines assigned direct from Washington.

## MUTE'S FIRST WORDS WERE HER SWAN-SONG

Calls a Farewell Audibly to  
Friends.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 3.—A dispatch received from Bemis Cotton Mills, in Madison county, states that Clara Ware, nineteen, died there Thursday. She had been mute from birth, but just before her death she called the members of her family around her and in perfectly natural tones bade them good-by, saying she was going to a happier home.

These were the first words the dead girl had ever spoken. Two other members of the family are mutes.

## HUMBERT AND HIS WIFE ILL IN CONCIERGE

Romain D'Aurignac in Good Spirits and  
Appetite.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Madame Humbert is under the care of doctors at the Conciierge. It is said she is suffering from hysteria, brought on by imprisonment.

Her husband, Frederic Humbert, is also an invalid. Romain D'Aurignac is the only member of the family who preserves his spirits and retains his appetite.

## CALLERS THROG TO SEE THE PRESIDENT

Five Hundred Visiting Sci-  
entists in Line.

### OXNARD GETS AN INTERVIEW

Former First Assistant Postmaster  
General Heath Arrives Too Late  
For Reception.

President Roosevelt today received at the White House 500 members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. They were introduced by Dr. C. D. Walcott, director of the Geological Survey.

The visiting scientists proceeded through the long corridor and the state dining room into the Red Room, where the President greeted them. The line passed slowly, so that the President could speak a few words to this or that caller, whose name or work he knew about. This afforded the scientists an opportunity to examine the details of the new decorations in the dining room and the several famous portraits in the Red Room. Those of George and Martha Washington and Benjamin Harrison attracted particular attention.

#### Oxnard a Caller.

Before the scientists appeared the President saw Henry T. Oxnard, president of the sugar trust. Their conference lasted about a quarter of an hour. Then the President went for a horseback ride.

Other callers were Henry S. Foote, assistant judge of the Indian Territory, and Dr. Richard Kingsman, with a party of four friends. They arrived too late to see the President.

Senators Dewey of New York, Foraker of Ohio, and Proctor of Vermont, Labor Commissioner Wright, and Representatives Mercer of Nebraska saw Secretary Cortelyou in the President's absence.

#### Heath Comes Too Late.

Perry S. Heath, former First Assistant Postmaster General, who has made his home in Utah for the past few years, was also a caller to see the President. Regarding the Senatorial situation in Utah, Mr. Heath said:

"The Mormon element is so strong that any man they decide upon can be elected Senator. The only avowed candidate is Apostle Smoot. The Mormon strength is such that no other candidate will be considered, practically. Utah is prosperous and happy."

Mr. Heath expects to spend several weeks here. It is two years and a half since he left the Postoffice Department. The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Colonel Brigham, was a caller at the White House this morning to introduce the executive committee of the National Grange. There were four visitors in the party.

### POPE CALLS ON CHRISTIAN RULERS TO SUPPRESS DUELING

ROME, Jan. 3.—The Pope is about to issue an encyclical against the practice of dueling. He will appeal to all Christian governments to suppress the practice, which is described as a survival of the Middle Ages.

Bargains in Houses. For sale by Stone & Fairfax. See Page 11.—Adv.

## DECISIVE ACTION IN CANAL NEGOTIATIONS LIKELY AT ANY TIME

Dr. Herran Sent for to Dis-  
cuss Situation.

### THE REPORTED ULTIMATUM

Colombia Fears That the Rival Nica-  
ragua Route May Not  
Be Chosen.

It is believed here that the State Department will receive satisfaction from Colombia in the Panama canal negotiations. Last night Secretary Hay sent to the Colombia legation and requested Dr. Herran to meet him at the former's office at 9:30 o'clock this morning. A statement of the result of that meeting has just been made public.

A difference of about \$500,000 in the detail of annual rental to be paid by this country has been holding the two countries apart for several weeks. Apparently terms were agreed upon, but later Colombia desired a material change to be made which was done by the United States. The chief point of difference was the increase in the annual rental with a subsequent award to the United States of the Isthmian Railroad when its concession shall have run out at the end of sixty years.

At first this property was to have gone to Colombia, but this country realized in this arrangement a competitor to the canal and thought it good policy to absorb the line. Possession by Colombia would also have been a menace to the peace of the neutral strip since that country would have always claimed the right to use it in the transportation of troops in time of revolution or even possible war against her neighbors.

Following the interview of Dr. Herran with Secretary Hay this morning, Nelson H. Cromwell, general attorney for the Panama Canal Company, called and remained with Secretary Hay for about an hour.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A New York cablegram to the "Manchester Guardian" states that the Panama Canal negotiations are in a critical state. The dispatch says:

"I learn that Secretary Hay is inclined to issue something like an ultimatum by stating the final terms and giving Colombia ten days to answer it."

## SCHUYLKILL ELEVEN FEET ABOVE NORMAL

Fifteen Mills Forced to Shut  
Down.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—The Schuylkill River rose eleven feet above normal in last night's heavy rain. Fifteen of the largest mills at Manayunk will be forced to shut down.

This means that business will be practically suspended from the Falls of Schuylkill to the county bridge, and that 6,000 hands will be thrown out of employment.

The river started to rise at 11 o'clock last night. By 6 o'clock this morning it was ten feet above normal height at Manayunk. An hour later it had risen another foot. By 10 o'clock it had gained several inches more, but there were no signs of a check.

The stream is filled with drift ice and debris of all sorts. Sections of fencing and chicken coops indicate that the river is above the banks up the State.

## UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS MEET TO EXCHANGE VIEWS

Rhodes' Scholarships and Decline of  
Chapel Attendance.

University presidents to the number of a round dozen, and a number of prominent educators attended the annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities, which was held at the Elbitt House today.

The principal subject discussed at the morning session was the decline of attendance on religious exercises in colleges. The discussion was opened by Prof. Henry F. Nachtrieb, representing President Cyrus Northrup, of the University of Minnesota, who was unable to be present.

An important subject of this afternoon relates to the Cecil Rhodes scholarships, particularly as to the methods which may result in their being made the most useful in the United States.

Among the university presidents present today are P. V. Venable, University of North Carolina; W. L. Prather, University of Texas; E. A. Birge, University of Wisconsin; George E. MacLean, University of Iowa; Charles W. Dabney, University of Tennessee; Webster Merrifield, University of North Dakota; P. B. Barringer, University of Virginia; Joseph Swain, Swarthmore, Pa.; President Buchanan, University of Vermont; President Baker, University of Colorado; President Fellows, University of Maine; President Drovers, University of South Dakota; and President Ellis, University of Ohio. Dr. William Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, who is a corresponding member of the association, was also present.

## MACHEN UNEASY; SPIRIT OF BRAVADO DISAPPEARS

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO  
RELIEVE LOCAL DISTRESS

To the Public: The time has come when the Citizens' Relief Association and The Associated Charities must have additional help. Neither society has yet secured enough money to meet the necessities of an ordinary season's work while the present year's need is unusually large.

The work of these two associations has never been more thoroughly organized and perfected. They are administering, in the highest sense, true charity. They are rendering the right kind of help, promptly and wisely, to those who are in need. They are avoiding, or, in many cases, reforming and upbuilding the imposters and the "unworthy."

We feel certain that this appeal to the public will meet with a generous and adequate response. The fact is more and more becoming well known that the most direct and effective way for people who are disposed to help the needy is to do so through these organizations.

Subscriptions for the Citizens' Relief Association may be sent to Beriah Wilkins, treasurer.

Subscriptions to the Associated Charities may be addressed to John Joy Edson, treasurer, Washington Loan and Trust Company.

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Finance Committee of the Associated Charities.

## SEA CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF AIDING IN CAPTURE

Commander of Steamship Julia, Red D Line, Sus-  
pended on Charge of Having Given Informa-  
tion to German Agent of War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Capt. George Terrill, commanding the steamship Julia, of the Red D line, was suspended yesterday from duty on the charge of having violated the neutrality laws by giving information to the German gunboat Panther, which led to the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat, Miranda, on December 29, in Maracaibo harbor.

The captain was suspended upon information furnished the agents, Boulton, Bliss, and Dallett, of 135 Front Street, who are now conducting an investigation in the matter.

They said this morning that the captain had admitted that he ordered the Julia's stern lights to be lowered twice upon leaving Maracaibo Harbor, but denied that it was intended as a signal to the German war vessel, which immediately went into the harbor and seized the Venezuelan gunboat.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, says that the blockading warships of the powers took all the Venezuelan vessels from the inner harbor here yesterday morning.

They landed forces on the wharf, but there was no firing, and their occupation of the place was temporary. The incident caused great excitement among the population.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Caracas to the "Matin" says numerous government troops left that place yesterday for the Tuy valley to meet the vanguard of the revolutionary army which is marching on Caracas.

## PRINCESS LOUISE NEAR THE THRONE OF SAXONY

King George Expected to  
Die at Any Moment.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—King George of Saxony, it is announced this morning, is slowly sinking.

His fever is increasing, pulse weakening, and emphysema has occurred between the heart and lungs, which greatly aggravates his condition. Milk is about the only nourishment he can take.

The royal physicians believe the moment is approaching when the Crown Princess Louise, whose elopement with the French tutor, M. Gilron, brought on the King's illness, will become Queen.

## REPRESENTATIVE FOX FORFEITS COLLATERAL

Charged With Assaulting a Local  
Tailor.

Representative Fox of Mississippi forfeited \$10 in the Police Court today through his non-appearance to answer a charge of assault. The complainant in the case was J. Z. Schutz, a local tailor. Mr. Schutz claims that Fox assaulted him during a controversy over a garment.

Mr. Fox, it is said, admits that he shook Schutz, but denies having struck him.

The tailor has threatened to bring a civil suit for damages against the Congressman.

### ITALY NOT INDUCED TO PARTICIPATE AT ST. LOUIS

ROME, Jan. 3.—Thomas Cridler, European commissioner for the St. Louis Exposition, has failed in his efforts to induce the Italian government to definitely decide to participate in the exposition. Ambassador Meyer has taken hold of the negotiations.

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Unable to Gain Ear of Post-  
master General Payne,  
Who Spends Entire Fore-  
noon Discussing With Mr.  
Bristow Postoffice Scan-  
dals Unearthed by The  
Times.

Officially Admitted That Re-  
vised Statutes of the  
United States Have Been  
Flagrantly Violated in  
Making Coal Contract a  
Family Affair for Gain.

The Postoffice Department was this morning the scene of extraordinary activity that may at any time bring a climax to the charges that high officials of the department are guilty of fraudulent practices. Practically the entire morning was consumed in consultation over the matter between Postmaster General Payne and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who has just returned to the city.

Mr. Bristow was at his desk early. Shortly after Mr. Payne arrived. Mr. Bristow was sent for. They remained in conference until far after noon, with the exception of the short interval when Mr. Bristow visited First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne.

In the course of the conference, during which Mr. Payne denied himself to all callers, many large law volumes were carried into the room where the two were closeted. Mr. Christianity, the acting attorney for the department, in the absence from the city of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of Postoffice affairs, was sent for, and was with the Postmaster General for some time.

#### Inspectors at Work.

While it is not admitted in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, it has leaked out that several of the most trusted inspectors in the service of the department have been detailed to follow up certain information given in The Times. One of the members of the Secret Service branch said this morning that to admit they were working along these lines would defeat their purpose.

It was officially admitted the charges of violation of the statutes in respect to the coal contract with the firm of Machen Bros., of which A. W. Machen, superintendent of the division of free delivery, is a member, were well founded. The matter will be referred to the attorney for the department for a legal opinion, and upon his report will rest the question as to whether Machen will be peremptorily dismissed or required to face charges before the proper officials.

While these subjects were occupying the attention of the Postmaster General and Mr. Bristow, First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne admitted that representations had been made to him with a request that he make use of his influence as a former newspaper man to call off the newspapers, at least until those who are alleged to be guilty of misconduct should have the opportunity to cover their tracks.

Machen Shut Out.

Mr. Machen made several efforts to reach the Postmaster General in order to further explain his connection with certain questionable deals, but was not granted an audience. He is showing much uneasiness, and returned to his office in an unpleasant frame of mind.

All of his former spirit of bravado has disappeared, as a result, it is said, of information from certain political supporters that they will not be drawn into the matter and that he must care for himself.

The best feeling has not prevailed between Machen and the First Assistant Postmaster General for some time, according to report. Despite the fact that all appointments in the free delivery division require the signature of the first assistant it is said Mr. Machen has several times endeavored to ignore Mr. Wynne and force appointments without the latter's approval, and over his head.

When seen in his office this morning Mr. Wynne said that serious charges having been made by a reputable newspaper he felt it incumbent upon him to closely follow them, and he was quietly investigating every phase of the situation as unscrupulously as The Times.

"Has Mr. Machen appealed to you to use your influence to suppress the present publications?" he was asked.

"No," he replied.

"Has anyone in behalf of Mr. Machen appealed to you along the same lines?"

"No. But if your question was worded somewhat differently, my answer could not be a negative."

#### Welcome Revelations.

Continuing, Mr. Wynne said: "Both the Postmaster General and I will welcome any revelations concerning the irregularities in the office. Regarding the letting of the coal contract to Mr. Machen, he came to the relief of the department when we could obtain coal no where else. It has been a matter of figuring from day to day where sufficient coal could be secured to prevent the closing of the department. Mind you, I

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### HUNTERS SHOOT DUCKS WITH SMALL CANNON

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—It is reported here that the hunters are slaughtering wild ducks on the lower James and Potomac. The weapons used are small cannon placed on the pivot of a boat or in the blinds.

The statement was made yesterday that a prominent boat captain who made duck shooting his business killed 235 birds at one time.